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SUBJ: ESTIMATED CZECHOSLOVAK 1976 GRAIN HARVEST RESULTS

REVISED COWNWARD

1. CZECHOSLOVAK GRAIN HARVEST LOSSES DUE TO PROLONGED DRY WEATHER APPEAR TO BE MORE SEVERE THAN ORIGINALLY THOUGHT. IN AN ARTICLE BY JAN BARYL, A LEADING PARTY OFFICIAL, IN THE CZECH LANGUAGE DAILY RUDE PRAVO ON JULY 31 WRITES AMONG OTHER THINGS:

2. QUOTE. IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO ESTIMATE THE RESULTS OF THE CEREAL HARVEST. ALREADY NOW IT CAN BE STATED WITH CERTAINTY, HOWEVER

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THAT DESPITE THE ABOVE MENTIONED UNFAVORABLE INFLUENCES THIS YEAR ALSO WE CAN EXPECT AN OVERALL HARVEST AT THE LEVEL OF THE AVERAGE OF THE PAST 10 YEARS. THIS IS PROOF OF THE MATURITY OF OUR SOCIALIST AGRICULTURAL LARGE-SCALE PRODUCTION ETC. . . .
UNQUOTE.

3. IF THE ARTICLE IS CORRECTLY INTERPRETED, THE 1976 CZECHOSLAVAK GRAIN HARVEST SHOULD BE ABOUT 8.2 MILLION TONS WHICH IS
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EQUIVALENT TO THE PAST 10 YEARS GRAIN HARVEST AVERAGE.

THIS VOLUME IS 20 PERCENT OR 2 MILLION TONS BELOW THE PLANNED
10.2 MILLION TONS FOR 1976, AND COULD INCREASE CZECHOSLOVAK
GRAIN IMPORT REQUIREMENTS IN 1976/77 TO UP TO 3 MILLION TONS.
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